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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Eric A. Gates

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/12/02, 7/17/02, and 11/04/02.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 7/17/02 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-4 are objected to because of the following informalities: the claims include several grammatical errors, such as using the word "equipments" instead of "equipment", "remaining" instead of "remainder", and "manufacturing" instead of "manufactured" in claim 1. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 2, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Campian (U.S. Patent 5,487,630).
5. Regarding claim 1, Campian discloses a machining machine tool 10 of the type that requires the presence of annex equipments 114/116 operating the fluids stored in the tanks 106, said annex equipments 114/116 being linked by means of a frame 16 to

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the remaining of the machine tool 10, wherein said frame 16 is manufacturing so as to create in its width a plurality of liquid proof compartments 106 (right and left half sections) capable of being used as tanks for fluids.

6. Regarding claim 2, Campian discloses wherein said frame 16 is carrying boxes (formed by upper surface 102, lower surface (not labeled, see figure 6), side surfaces (one of which is labeled 20), and the divider between right and left half sections 106, see figure 6) containing said annex equipments (at least a portion of 114 and 116 is contained by the boxes to connect with the tanks 106, see figure 1) and is adopting the shape of a parallelepiped, at least a part of the volume of which is partitioned so as to form tanks 106 that are liquid proof among themselves.

7. Regarding claim 4, Campian discloses wherein independent tanks 106 are pre-formed so as to be integrated into the width of said frame 16.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campian.

10. Regarding claim 3, Campian discloses wherein said frame 16 is provided, in communication with each tank, with at least one interface input/output (the holes in side 20 as seen in figure 1) for the connection of said tanks 106 with said built-up annex

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equipments 114/116. Campian does not distinctly disclose that the interfaces are provided on the upper part of the frame. However, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have placed the interfaces higher up on the frame to whatever location was desired for the purpose of design choice, since it has been held that rearranging parts of an invention involves only routine skill in the art.

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric A. Gates whose telephone number is 571-272-5498. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:45-6:15.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica Carter can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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